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REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are in the case and all stand rejected. Claims 1 and 6 have been amended and are fully supported by the specification as filed.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claim 6 has been amended to remove references to the second and third step of the Fischer-Tropsch process.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 2, 5, and 7-10 are rejected as being anticipated by Gangwal, et al.

Gangwal discloses a process wherein spent FCC catalyst is used as a support for metals that have Fischer-Tropsch ("FT") activity. The FT metals are impregnated onto the spent FCC catalyst particles thus there are no distinct FT catalyst particles. Gangwal is silent as to the affect that impregnating a FT metal on spent FCC catalyst will have on FCC catalyst activity.

The presently claimed invention (Claim 1) requires that there be distinct catalyst particles having FT activity and catalyst particles having FCC catalyst activity. Since Gangwal does not disclose all of the limitations of Claim 1, the Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw his 102 rejection. Since claims 2, 5 and 7-10 all depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 1, the Applicants submit that they are now in a condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 3, 4 and 6 stand rejected as obvious in view of Gangwal in light of Budge. All of these claims depend, either directly or indirectly, from claim 1. The Applicants submit that since claim 1 is now in a condition for, the Examiners 103 rejections are now moot.

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If any matters remain requiring further consideration, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the number given below so that such matters may be discussed and, if possible, promptly resolved.

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